

Beautification -- Las Colinas Aim



Check For Shrubs

Mrs. J. Douglas Adams, president of Los Colinas Garden Club, presents a check to John Hoffman, Los Arboles park foreman, and Richard P. Gawne, landscape artist, for purchase of additional plants and shrubs for their neighborhood park which has been the club's prime objective since organization in 1957. Through ways and means projects the club has raised money for ornamental lighting in the park as well as shrubs and plants.



Visualize Pergola Beauty

On the spot planning is the work of these three members of Los Colinas Garden Club, from left, Mmes. E. S. Hogan, publicity chairman; William Belford, art chairman; and Thomas Conaty. Their objective is the enhancement of the pergola in Los Arboles Park, installed by the city of Torrance. Just what kind of perennials and flowering shrubs will turn the pergola into a thing of beauty is being studied.

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Joy Reigns Supreme

It's Christmas party time for Headstart children at Normont school and La Sertomas, from left, Mmes. Milt Makoski and Michael Virgadamo assist Santa (Craig Childress, member of Sertoma) make the day unforgettable for these pre-schoolers, who went home loaded with toys and holiday goodies.

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City beautification has been the objective of the Las Colinas Garden Club since 1957 when a group of Hollywood Riviera homeowners, interested in gardening, met in October of that year to organize so that a concerted effort could be put forth to beautify their area, especially their neighborhood park, Los Arboles.

When ground was broken for the park in March 1958, the Garden Club purchased a huge redwood sign identifying the park. Grass was planted by the city and sidewalks through the park were put in by the Torrance Lions Club.

Los Colinas Club, in conjunction with the Riviera Garden Club, purchased \$400 worth of shrubs and trees which were planted by the city. The club has continually added to the park and with the help of the city installed play equipment amounting to \$4,000.

Last March, Las Colinas contributed \$400 on the \$3,400 spent for ornamental lighting in the park. Pursuing the park beautification, club members are now preparing to plant shrubs and flowers at the pergola and benches installed by the city of Torrance. Club members work with Richard Gawne, who designed the overall plan for the park.

This club also received the Richfield award and immediately donated \$50 in trees to the park.

Funds for the club's beautification work are raised through ways and means projects, such as fashion shows, traveling luncheons, theater parties and teas. Monthly meetings are held in member's homes.

Las Colinas also stages an annual flower show always held in the spring. Accredited judges are on hand and ribbons are given in many categories.

Besides its beautification program, Los Colinas participates in hospital therapy program, visiting Harbor General Hospital once a month taking tray favors and donating gifts at Christmas.

This club is a member of the California Garden Clubs, Inc., Los Angeles Harbor District, National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., Pacific region, and is affiliated with the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation. The group also sponsors a local girl scout troop.

Announce Betrothal

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Jones, 2610 W. 181st St., Torrance announce the engagement of their daughter, Lee Bryn, to Phillip Cadenhead, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cadenhead, also of Torrance.

The news was first revealed at a dinner party given by the future bride's parents.

Both Miss Jones and her fiance are graduates of North High School.

The bride-elect is employed as a secretary with Prudential Life Insurance Co.

Mr. Cadenhead is attending El Camino College majoring in police science. He is also a cadet officer with the Inglewood Police Dept.

No date has been announced for the wedding.

La Sertoma Brings Stars To Their Eyes

Headstart children at Normont School in Harbor City experienced the real meaning of Christmas on Dec. 19 when La Sertoma Club of Torrance staged its third annual Christmas party for these youngsters.

Santa Claus made a special visit to the school to participate in festivities at which each child was given three gifts, including Christmas stockings filled with toys and a doll for each little girl. La Sertomas helping Santa with the party were Mmes. Edward Mitchell, James Layden, Milton Makoski, M. A. Bowlus and Michael Virgadamo. Torrance La Sertoma supports this Operation Headstart throughout the year, with each member contributing many hours of service.

Sertoma International, parent service organization, was founded in Kansas City, Mo., in 1912 and now has chapters in all 50 states as well as Mexico, Canada and Puerto Rico.

La Sertoma clubs in each community are composed of wives of Sertomans but operate independently. Operation Headstart is one of many projects supported by Torrance La Sertoma.



Light Standards Study

Light standards in Los Arboles Park get the eye from these Los Colinas Garden Club members, from left, Mmes. William Belford, Richard Diederich and Henry Smith, civic affairs chairman. Holding an "idea exchange," these artistic gardeners know that a light standard encircled with the correct shrubs and vines will add an attractive touch to their park.

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In The Holiday Party Whirl

Members of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club have invited their husbands to join them for their annual Holiday Party to be held Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Davidson. The formal cocktail party and dance will feature a special hors d'oeuvre buffet with delicacies provided by the Juniors. In their holiday gowns and ready for the party are, from left, standing, Mrs. Douglas Hedde, club president and Mrs. Frank Bounds, party chairman; seated Mmes. George Davidson and John Batley. Mrs. Roebt Long is also on the Holiday Party committee.

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